Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the defects now pointed out with reference to it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— It is not a question of defects. Under the then circumstances that would have been the most feasible plan, because the idea of giving a better protected water supply had not been thought of. It was only very recently, within the last one or one and a half years, that the idea of having this new protected water supply occurred to the Government. Now there is an idea to have a similar work opened near Trippunittura. At the time the recommendation was made that was the most feasible thing. Later on within the last few months, say within the last 18 months or so, the proposal came up that it would be much better to have a protected water supply. It was thought that it would be better to provide for public baths in the way now proposed, rather than spend money on public tanks which are very difficult to be kept clean.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Have they done anything at Trippunittura?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are just acquiring lands at Trippunittura. There too at first the idea was to have a tank. But afterwards it was abandoned.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would it not be wholesome to try this experiment at one place before we undertake it at other places?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no reason to suspect that it is a failure.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know whether this indicates an idea of abandoning public tanks in general?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. The new method is much more hygienic and much better wherever it is possible to adopt.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I withdraw the motion.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I don't move.

Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment by Re. 1.*

Demand put and carried.

17. 31—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—Rs.917—8—0.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 917—8—0 under 31—Uplift of the Depressed Classes. This again forms part of allowances to be paid under the half-time system. Therefore, no further explanation is necessary. I request the House be pleased to vote for the same.

Demand put and carried.

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